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In re Application of  
Sadao Takahashi  
Application No. 09/551,466  
Filed: April 17, 2000  
For: **IMAGE BINARIZATION APPARATUS,  
IMAGE BINARIZATION METHOD, IMAGE  
PICKUP APPARATUS, IMAGE PICKUP  
METHOD, AND A COMPUTER PRODUCT**

Decision on Petition

This is a decision on the petition filed March 2, 2005, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.181.

The March 2, 2005 petition request that the Information Disclosure Statement (IDS), filed on December 17, 2004, be considered and acknowledged.

The petition is **Dismissed as Moot**.

In a communication from the examiner on March 25, 2005, the examiner discussed their determination of the references relative to claims 29, 30, 57, 58, 65 and 67. In addition, accompanying the Interview Summary was an initialed copy of the form 1449 which lists the references provided on December 17, 2004.

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